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TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS

THE Republican voters who wish to carry
on the work which they began in 1919
and drive the contractor influence from the
party should vote at the primaries to-
morrow for the nomination of the following
candidates:

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SAMUEL P. ROTAN

Mr. Rotan has conducted the affairs
of his office for several terms with effi-
ciency and without scandal, and he has
secured the punishment of offenders of
the contractor machine for complicity in
the murder in the Fifth Ward.

FOR CITY CONTROLLER
EDWIN WOLF

Mr. Wolf is a business man of wide
financial experience and sound judgment.
He is his own master and in the Con-
troller's office he will not be subservient
either to factious or political or selfish
financial influences.

FOR CITY TREASURER
ARTHUR C. GRAHAM

Mr. Graham has had long experience
in handling the funds of the people en-
trusted to the care of one of the largest
savings banks in the city. He is adminis-
tratively qualified to handle the funds of the
taxpayers in the City Treasury. And he
is pledged to do what he can to end
the abuses of the pernicious fee system.

FOR RECEIVER OF TAXES
COLONEL GEORGE E. KEMP

Colonel Kemp is a soldier with a
glorious record in the World War and
with experience in a civilian executive
post which qualifies him beyond ques-
tion for handling the business of the
tax office.

FOR REGISTER OF WILLS
VIVIAN FRANK GABLE

Mr. Gable, who is a practicing at-
torney, is a candidate for the office where
the incumbent has received \$150,000 in
fees which ought to go into the public
treasury to reduce the taxes. He has
committed himself to opposition to
the fee system and has said that \$10,000
a year is all the remuneration which the
Register should receive.

FOR JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT
JOHN H. MAVER

Mr. Maver is the Assistant District
Attorney who has knocked down the
things in the Fifth Ward in the night.
While resulting in murder. He is a cap-
able lawyer who should make a good
Judge.

The Republican voters who believe in pro-
gressive government, and in providing a
Constitution to insure it, should also vote
"Yes" on the proposition to hold a constitu-
tional convention and should vote for the
nomination of delegates to that convention.

IT'S UP TO YOU

TOMORROW you can vote to revive gang
government, and to give municipal affairs into the clutch of a small
army of graft hunters ennobled by visions
of almost untroubled lot and made des-
perate by want.

You can vote, on the other hand, against
the Fifty Fifties, and in the interest of
men who want to see the financial resources
of the city utilized in the interest of good
government, better schools, better streets
and a better general social environment.
The forces of political corruption are raised
opulently against the forces of decency and
progress.

There is only one thing that those who
vote for the Vore-controlled ticket and those
who do not vote at all ought to do in the
event of a gang victory. They ought to
keep quiet in the future. They ought to take
their medicine when it comes without
quitting. They will have no right to com-
plain about high taxes, about the corrup-
tion and the increasing signs of social and
political degeneration by which the modern
political regime is characterized.

THE "TURNBACK" PROBLEM

DIRECTOR TWINING's comparatively
voiced opposition to the "turnback"
method of operating the subway and ele-
vated obviously carries considerably more
weight than the objections of selfishly in-
terested parties.

It is no secret that real estate interests
at the western end of the line, as well as
the suburban trolley companies using the
Sixty-ninth street terminal, are vexed by
the almost daily service to that point. Their
irritation is natural and legitimate, but it
should not be permitted to become the
broadest consideration of the problem.

Mr. Twining properly notices the gen-
eral principle that "the city is an assem-
blage of people organized for business
purposes, and anything that interferes with
the conduct of business is anything but
in the interests of the city."

The case is in the hands of the Public
Service Commission, where it belongs. It
ought not to be impossible to balance the
greatest good of the greatest number with
the confessed burdens of the transit com-
pany.

The latter are not negligible, but it is to
be determined whether or not they have been
exaggerated.

Certainly it would seem that full service
to the ferries is an indispensable requisite
in the operation of the Philadelphia high-speed
line operating in Philadelphia.

HOW TO STOP IT

BOYS who steal rides on the rear of motor
cars and other trucks will continue to be
killed so long as the police ignore the ordi-
nance forbidding it.

John P. Alborn is the latest victim.
The driver of the truck was exonerated by
the Coroner's Jury, and the Coroner an-
nounced that he would ask the Director of
Public Safety to do something to stop the
boys from stealing rides.

All the director has to do is to order the
gallies on the street to enforce the ordi-
nance against it. They do not enforce it
and boys are in the habit of jumping on
and off the moving trucks.

On this, the director has to

CONTRACTOR BOSSES VS. THE PEOPLE

No Excuse for Any Man or Woman Failing to Understand the Issue
Tomorrow—If They Want Clean, Decent Government They Will
Support Wolf, Graham, Gable and Kemp

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

TOMORROW'S primary election is a repetition of the mayoralty fight of two
years ago.

It is a contest between the people and the Contractor Combine.
Now, as then, there is no middle ground. The issue is between those who
believe in decent politics and freedom from contractor rule, and a combination that
is as blatant, arrogant and brutally inconsiderate of the public as it was when it
was dethroned by the voters two years since.

Now, as then, the Vore-Cunningham leadership is masking itself behind "the
organization."

This should deceive nobody. Senator Vore, the boasted "world's largest street-
cleaning contractor," owned the organization then. He owns it today.

Once more, in his effort to restate himself in power as the city's boss, he
has arrogated the right to select, with one exception, candidates who will be sub-
servient to his nod, who will pack their offices with the servants he may select.

Months ago the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER pointed out that a cabal had been
formed with the ultimate purpose of restoring the Vares to power. It was a calcu-
lated, defiant, selfish junta.

It gambled on the death of United States Senator Boies Penrose. It figured
on an accompanying political upheaval, out of which it was to emerge as owner in
fee simple of the Republican organization in this city.

As a result of specious plea and brilliant promise, the Vares have lashed to
the asphalt their pretensions Thomas W. Cunningham, Clerk of Courts; Rich-
ard Weglein, President of Council; Augustus F. Daix, chairman of the Finance
Committee of the State Senate; Congressman George W. Edmonds and others of the
minor sort. All of these individuals were but recently the most blatant profes-
sors of fidelity to Senator Penrose and the most brilliant figureheads of
municipal reform.

Hundreds of Republicans are likely to be hypnotized by the fetish of regularity.
That fetish holds no power today.

The present contest is a war within the Republican ranks. It is a renewed
attempt of the Republican element that believes in clean government to spew out
of its mouth the unclean things that have proved its disgrace in the past.

The Contractor Combine controls the Republican City Committee. Under the
law it has no power to name candidates. It has usurped this prerogative of the
voters and now flings its ticket in their face. It is not only a false but a fraudu-
lent claim.

The Contractor Combine deliberately thwarted the attempt of the city to
begin its own street cleaning, generally, on October 1. It was demonstrated that
\$150,000 could be saved by inaugurating the work on that date.

The \$150,000 of the taxpayers' money thus thrown away was a contribution by
the Vore-Cunningham junta to the contractors. It is now being used against the
taxpayers to defeat their will at the primaries.

Gamblers, dope peddlers, pool sharks, vice syndicates and all the forces of the
underworld will tomorrow use their influence against the candidates of the Voters'
League. They have nothing to hope for from its success.

The only real danger that menaces the Voters' League ticket is the indiffer-
ence or apathy of its friends; the failure to recognize that there is an irresisti-
ble conflict between the organized power of the Combine and the people.

New York today is experiencing a reaction from this condition. Its citizenry,
heretofore indifferent to the assaults of Hylianism upon their rights, has been at
last aroused to the danger that confronts them.

The contractors' combination is to Philadelphia what Tammany is to New York.
The candidates of the renegades and the contractors represent only these
bosses and themselves.

For Register of Wills, William J. Campbell proposes to take every penny of
the fees of that office, unjustly accorded by law, and enrich himself as his prede-
cessors have done at the expense of the people.

The candidate of the Voters' League, Vivian Frank Gable, has pledged himself
to accept nothing but his salary of \$10,000. The fees, amounting to \$350,000, will
be remitted by him to the people for the reduction of the tax rate.

Will B. Hadley, City Controller, whom the Combine is backing to succeed him-
self, sought the appointment under false pretenses. No sooner had he assumed
office than he surrendered himself into the hands of the Combine. He inaugurated
a policy of secrecy as to the affairs of his office. He submitted himself to the
direction of preferred financial interests.

It was Will B. Hadley who recently proposed an increase in the present tax
rate that would have imposed upon every small home owner in Philadelphia a
burden that would have been well-nigh intolerable.

The tax rate today can be materially reduced if the millions of excess surplus
in the Sinking Fund are turned into the City Treasury. Controller Hadley has
these millions in his keeping.

Edwin Wolf, the candidate of the Voters' League for City Controller, is a
gentleman of wide experience in the management of city affairs. He has pledged
himself to lift the veil of mystery which Controller Hadley and his fellow Com-
missioner, E. T. Statutory, have draped around the secret councils of the Sinking
Fund Commission. He will let in the light.

Colonel George E. Kemp, endorsed by the Voters' League, the Women's
Republican organization, and independents, served with distinguished gallantry in
France. He was fighting the battles for civilization when the leaders of the com-
bination who now oppose him were at home figuring on schemes to increase their
political power.

The banner bearer of the bosses for Receiver of Taxes, W. Frederick Kendrick,
announces that he has collected twice as much in taxes at the close of his term as
he did in the beginning.

There is neither merit nor virtue in the claim.
Mr. Kendrick was compelled to collect this money. The increased tax rate of the
Vare regime naturally increased the receipts of his office.

The claim is a handful of dust tossed in the air. It means nothing. It is so
transparently a campaign dodge that it is unworthy of Mr. Kendrick's keen intelli-
gence.

Arthur C. Graham, the choice of the Voters' League for City Treasurer, may
not be able, in the future, to equal Mr. Kendrick's boasted record. If the tax rate
is reduced, if wasted millions are saved, Mr. Graham at the close of his term may
be excused any such cheap political persiflage. He has handled millions of the
people's money without the loss of a dollar in his capacity as a banking official.
He is thoroughly familiar with the problems of municipal finance.

For Judge of the Municipal Court, the League has selected John H. Maver
because of his high legal attainment and experience as an Assistant District At-
torney for years.

Samuel P. Rotan, candidate for District Attorney, the incumbent, made his
record in the prosecution of the principals in the notorious Fifth Ward election
murder case, the blackest episode in the history of Combine politics in
Philadelphia.

There can be no valid excuse for any man or woman failing to understand the
issues to be presented at tomorrow's primary election.

The lines of demarcation are clearly drawn.
It is a battle between a political combination of contractor bosses and the
people.

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AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Argument With George Wharton
Pepper Arouses Doubts as to the
Actual Necessity of Sun-
day Sermons

By SARAH D. LOWRIE

I HAD a very instructive argument with
Mr. George Wharton Pepper a week
two ago on the subject of sermons in church
on Sunday as an integral part of the ob-
servance of a day of rest and worship.

Dr. rather, it was not so much an argu-
ment as a quiz on his part and a standing
up for a conviction on my part. I do not
know what his court manner may be like,
but I found myself squinting myself double
as though I were on a witness stand and
concentrating my mind on my answers,
as though something vital depended on my
reasons for the faith that was in me.

It was an odd enough background for a
serious bout of words. A cabin, in height,
breadth and primitive furnishing not unlike
the great log hut in which Siegfried's pa-
rents met for the first time in the first
of "Die Walkure." There was a great fire
on the hearth, and three of us—Mrs. Pepper,
another guest and myself—were seated on a
rough settle before the fire while Mr. Pen-
per, after throwing on another log or so,
enounced himself on a sort of shelf quite
high up against the wall, from which he
called down his questions. Every now and
then there would be a murmur of dissent
from our audience of two, but for the most
part he subjected my rather radical position
as to the propriety of inappropriateness of ser-
mons on Sunday to a slow encircling fire of
deductions and consequences that put me at
my wits' end to hold my ground.

Apart from the interest of the subject,
there was great interest to me in the fact
of its happening at all in the holiday condi-
tions of the day and place and occasion.

OUR host had spent a long day in a rough
forest land of mountain and arrived
only a few minutes before his guests at this
remote cabin of his on the edge of a de-
serted waterway—a cabin set in a thicket of
young birches and balsam trees. In here
and there a larger pine. The waters of the
sound lapped three sides of the point of
land, and the receding tide left brown rocks
and yellow seaweed figures in the medley
return. Under foot were red bunch berries
and ground pine. Two boats—one a scow
and the other a canoe—rode at the end of
their tether by the open air of the coast.
The means of communication with the world of
telephones and motors, United States mail
and time-tables.

When we were cooked in the cabin was
cooked by one or another of the four who
ate it, and whatever was tidied up or
washed or swept or burned was done by one
or all of us. There were no servants, no
cellars, no refrigerators, no conveniences could
well have been today and today tomorrow.
There was nothing particular to be done,
and there was ample opportunity of an un-
framed kind of conversation. Mr. Pepper
had a strong opinion on the subject of the
up. There was swimming off the floating
dock, there were swaths of young trees
hiding the distant reaches of the sound that
could be chopped down, there were claims
that could be dug, and there was just sit-
ting anywhere—in or out of doors—and
talking.

WE THREE women had reached the ren-
dezvous by a motor drive across from
the Pepper cottage at North East Harbor;
we were in a holiday mood as well as our
host, a strenuous one, and another kind
than his tramp involved; but there were
with the world of our usual occupancy cel-
ing very faintly for us across great reaches
of land and water, hard at it discussing
an institution that for one reason or
another more than one of us was popularly
supposed to have treated with scant rever-
ence the religious observance of the first
day of the week.

Since the argument turned on sermons
and their place in worship it is unnecessary
for me to give here any report of either
premise or conclusion, since Mr. Pepper
confined himself only to his quiz and I to
answering his questions. What struck me
then and has remained as interesting since
the clear, vigorous logic of those ques-
tions and the web of inescapable conclusions
that deftly enmeshed me, so that I was
steered away from the non-essentials and
prompted directly and with genial ease toward
an inevitable goal.

IT WAS a great lesson in logical sequence
drawn out by that little art of
comprehending questioning. Not a unique
experience, of course, but perhaps the most
serenity of the untrammelled atmosphere
made the enjoyment of it more or less unique
for listeners and participants.

My own mind enjoys its power to
concentrate on single-pointed subjects. I
have seen him in his office dictate a letter,
converse over his office phone, keep a client
before him in the office, and in the inter-
mittent intervals of a conversation, and
some of the things that were pertinent to none of
the three other occupations claiming his atten-
tion, without losing his composure and
serenity. He was holding a conversation with
any of his four lines of thought. But that
kind of a four-fold force is actually not as
characteristic of him as his power to take
hold of a subject and to follow it out
mentally from a swift efficiency of keen in-
terest in a subject about which he is still
open-minded—his mind of new data or
of the clash of an opposing line.

STRANGELY enough, I came down from
that verbal bout freshly self-battered
in my contention that there was nothing in
the teaching of the founder of Christianity
worthy to compel the use of sermons as a
part of religious worship or of a Sunday
observance, to find the following notice and
letter in my accumulated mail.

"I enclose a copy of the Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church, and hope it will be
possible for you to come to some of the
additional Sunday morning services because
the men we are now going to have are ex-
ceedingly strong men. Dr. Thompson is one
of the most noted of the Congregationalists
who attended the Congregational Council
last year. He was in the Fifth Avenue
Presbyterian Church yesterday and the
previous Sunday."

"Dr. Jones is one of the leading Welsh
ministers, and the Rev. Mr. Phillips, of Edin-
burgh are leading ministers in the
Presbyterian Church."

"If you can let your friends know of
their being here and you can come yourself
it will be a great help to other you or any
of your friends who can come."

HERE was some one church member and
some one church congregation that had
a fair faith in the observance of sermons.
Perhaps it is because the name of the
Presbyterian body is a Scotchman who really
can preach that the knowledge makes them
naginate about other clergymen's ability in
the same direction. I have never heard of
the Rev. Andrew Mutch, of the Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church, but I am told that he
has made his mark in the service of the
people by his preaching, and that he is so
that one must "go early to avoid the
rush."

It is a curious thing, but I believe
I can reason that to our English people
explain the main axis of our thought from
corner to corner, as though the building had
been roofed over a short cut. But the tradi-
tion of the place is that the Rev. Mr. Phillips
for good preaching and a sturdy, grave au-
thority, and hence of full news and a good,
healthy spirit of religious responsibility
among the founders of the church.

But supposing the Rev. Andrew Mutch,
D. D., was a poor preacher and only a good
pastor? Would the necessity be laid upon
him to preach the congregation out of the
pews because the tradition of the church
of a sermon, poor or otherwise, lies with
mistaken heaviness among the "thin shafts"
of Sunday?

There are mighty few great preachers and
rather few good ones, and there are an
awful number of mediocre ones and a few
bad ones. What are lots of good, fair,
fairly good? What is it to be an an-
nouncer, preaching with the exception,
not the rule. One could then be thankful to
find a minister for the church who is rather
literate of what he said.

TO THE RESCUE!



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They

Know Best

CHIEF HARRY T. BAXTER

On Censorship of Public Dances This

Winter

TO PERMIT the young people to dance
to their hearts' content, and at the same
time to surround them with such safeguards
as will assure their parents their children
are in proper surroundings and free from all
other dangers, is the idea of the commit-
tee, headed by Harry T. Baxter, chief
of the Bureau of City Property, which will
exercise the necessary supervision at public
dances during the coming fall and winter.

"The idea of Mayor Moore," said Chief
Baxter, "in appointing this committee is to
carry out throughout the entire year the
work which was so successfully accomplished
during the summer at the open-air dances."
The plan of general supervision which
was instituted and very successfully carried
out at the big open-air dances held on the
Parkway and elsewhere during the summer
will simply be extended to public dances
during the remainder of the year. The sum-
mer dances were held under an admirable
discipline, although it must be said that
little supervision was necessary, as the
crowd of the dancers was all that could be desired.

"Some idea of the crowds that attended
the open-air dances on the Parkway and
elsewhere during the summer can be gained
from the fact that the number of persons
from 10,000 to 12,000 persons present at each
one. A crowd almost as large attended the
open-air dances in the southern part of the
city, respectively held at Third street and
Moyamensing avenue."

"The committee will have a kind of su-
pervision over all the dancing in hotels,
public dancing halls and all other places
where dancing is held. It was proper, the
Mayor thought, to look into this matter,
and this is the reason for the appointment
of this large a committee."

Public Dances Orderly

"With regard to the public dances which
were held this summer, it must be admitted
that the order was admirable to the dancers
and the merry-makers in general. There was
not a complaint of disorderly conduct at any
time during the period when these dances
were being given, and there was not a single
arrest, a record which is remarkable when
the youth and natural high spirits of the
dancers are considered and the enormous
number of them taken into account."

"On the other hand, we have received
hundreds of letters of the most favorable
comment and praise for the manner in which
the dances were being conducted. These
letters came chiefly, not from the dancers
themselves, but from older persons who had
been present in the capacity of onlookers.
"So strong has been the impression made
by the public summer dances, we have re-
ceived letters from fourteen other cities,
of various sizes, asking for full information as
to the manner in which the Philadelphia
dances were conducted. Some of these cities
have asked us to send personal representa-
tives to them to explain in just what way
the dances were organized and conducted,
and others of them have requested permis-
sion to send representatives to Philadelphia
to study the proceedings at first hand."

"The very fact that the Mayor intends to
exercise some degree of supervision over the
indoor dances this winter will in itself have
a restraining effect upon those who are,
perhaps, a little inclined to go too near the
danger mark in the manner of dances which
they put on their programs. With this in
view, the Mayor has waived his committee
from pretty nearly all walks of life, so that
representatives of many classes and several
degrees of society will be the judges of what
is right and what is wrong in the dance."

Supplementing the Police

"The committee will not in any sense take
over the work of the police department or
interfere upon it in any way. We shall
for our business simply to co-operate
with the police, and they will not be sum-
moned to our aid except as a last resort.
To judge from our experiences during the
last summer, there will be few if any in-
stances where we shall not meet with the
co-operation of the dancers and, we hope,
of those under whose auspices the dances
are being given."

"When any member of the committee finds
that dances which may be reasonably ob-
jected to are being danced, the first step will
be to warn the givers of the dance that it
is objectionable and that it must be stopped.
Then the members of the committee will
make a report to me of the circumstances,
and I will send an official notification and
a warning that the offense must not be re-
peated."

We have a very effective method of dis-
cussing for those managers of dance halls

SHORT CUTS

Tomorrow the asheurt goes to the dump.

"If" may yet straighten out the Irish
tangle.

In the matter of sinking it to a pitcher
Ruth is ruthless.

One more week of daylight saving and
we'll then proceed to waste it as usual.